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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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## **Enjoy Veterans Day in Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

**Brecksville, Ohio** – The Boston Store Visitor Center in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) will be open for visitors on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits tell the story of canal boat building in the valley.

Fall is a wonderful time to visit the park! Take a 1.5 mile hike around the Brandywine Gorge. Then visit the 65-foot Brandywine Falls, the second highest falls in Ohio. A boardwalk takes you to upper and lower observation platforms, which overlook the falls head on. Open daily from dawn to dusk. Brandywine Falls is located at 8176 Brandywine Road in Sagamore Hills 44067.

The Ledges Trail offers a 1.8-mile hike that will take you through towering sandstone and cool, moist hemlock and yellow birch forests. Open daily from dawn to dusk. The Ledges Trailhead is located on Truxell//Kendall Park Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is offering a free train ride to honor veterans and their families. The train will depart from Rockside Station, at 1:30 p.m. for a three-hour, round trip that includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour.

The free tickets will be available at the Rockside Station 45 minutes prior to departure, and will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis. No advance tickets are available. All current military members, veterans, and their families are invited. World War II Veterans will be seated in the Premium Section as special recognition. Wheelchair access is available, though limited. For more information visit www.CVSR.com.

Rockside Station is located at 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence 44131.

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CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit <a href="www.nps.gov/cuva">www.nps.gov/cuva</a> or call 330-657-2752.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 41 years. For more information about the railroad, visit <a href="https://www.cvsr.com">www.cvsr.com</a>.

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